

# *E*ditorial

*Twenty years have passed since The Japanese Society for Intravascular Neurosurgery (JSIN) was founded. This Society is aimed at intravascular neurosurgery and provides the place where we present the basic and clinical studies and have hot debates. The first meeting was held in December, 1982 in Nagoya, where one hundred and twenty people assembled and discussed 20 topics. As years went by, the meeting has become bigger and bigger and the latest meeting in Niigata had about a thousand people and more than two hundred and seventy papers. The Society has developed into a very active one and this must be because the importance of intravascular neurosurgery has grown greatly year by year.*

*It is my great pleasure to hold the Annual Meeting here in Okinawa. In this 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, we have the main theme: Pioneers in the Field of Intravascular Neurosurgery and focus our interest on two points: Basic and Clinical Intravascular Treatment for Tomorrow and Present Condition of the Educational System and Its Future. Like the past Meetings, we made it a rule to discuss one theme in one place, so many people could join and share the debates. Furthermore, with the introduction of power board, we could find out what members thought immediately.*

*I would really appreciate that many people entered with very challenging papers: 82 oral ones, 249 posters, 22 symposium topics (7 for intravascular treatment for tomorrow, 7 for educational system and its prevalence and 8 for therapy standard), special program of 7 topics of various countries, 3 special lectures, 8 luncheon seminars and a president's speech: totally 372 papers. At the first night we held 2 hours' evening seminar*

*which figured out the consensus of present intravascular treatment. Therefore we had quite tough three days and nights but we truly shared wonderful time and enthusiastic debates.*

*We invited Fernando Viñuela MD. From UCLA, who made a speech on intravascular treatment for aneurysm and intracranial AVF; Jay S. Yadav MD. from Cleveland Clinic Foundation, who addressed "Sapphire Trial" and Masakiyo Nobuyoshi MD. from Kokura Memorial Hospital, whose topic was cardiac intervention. As for luncheon seminars, Oliver Levrier MD. from Marseille University, Dong IK Kim MD. from Korea, Hon-Man Liu MD. from Taiwan and Ken Nagata MD. from Akita Research Institute for Brain and Blood Vessels were guest speakers. Some of them talked about the conditions of intravascular treatment in their country. Shigeru Nemoto MD, the next president of the Society, also was a speaker in luncheon seminar.*

*Last year the board certified system of Specialists of intravascular treatment was determined and the first examination was held in January, 2002 and 109 new specialists have been born by this October. After this Annual Meeting of the Society, we had Continuing Educational Seminar and many participants joined and discussed earnestly. I am sure that the Society will continue to develop and to contribute the progress of medicine. I sincerely thank all the members and comrades.*

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for Intravascular Neurosurgery